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FOOLING WITH THE TARIFF.

The Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives has rejected the reciprocity tag which the Senate attached to the metal schedule when the Republican regulars permitted the Democrats and Progressives to pass it without opposition a day or two ago. This marks the beginning of the end as far as tariff legislation by Congress this year is concerned. Everyone is playing politics and the only desire of the members of both Houses is to make tariff speeches for election purposes and not to vote on the tariff itself as a measure which will affect the pockets of the people. They wish to put themselves on record and at the same time to find out which way the cat is going to jump next November.

In spite of all that President Taft has done and tried to do, to get Congress to study the tariff scientifically on data supplied by the reports of the tariff board, Congress refuses to pay any attention to his wise recommendations. The House of Representatives would destroy the tariff board itself by cutting off its work. This is an effective way of undoing most of the good work that has already been done and it is taken to mean that the wool and cotton schedules will share the fate of the steel schedule in the course of the next two weeks.

One of the oddities of the debate in the House on the steel schedule was the claim voiced by Representative Hill that the Republicans are prepared to reduce the tariffs on steel and manufactured metal more radically than the terms of the Democratic schedule provide. Mr. Hill claims that reductions of from 25 to 48 per cent. can be made with respect to some of the most important articles of this class that are imported or made on a large scale in this country by following strictly the recommendations of the tariff board, whereas the Democratic bill provides for reductions in the tariff amounting to less than 24 per cent. and it would give less relief to the people who consume the goods than would the recommendations of the tariff board. It appears that some of the provisions of the House bill would make very little difference to the consumers but are good things to talk about because they affect machinery especially which is manufactured by some of the so-called trusts. As this class of machinery is patented in this country and the patents are owned by the people who make it, reducing the tariff would be nothing more than a talking point as far as these articles are concerned. The only difference would be that the manufacturers might add to their profits by making the goods abroad where labor is cheaper, a thing permitted by our patent laws.

HELPING CUBA

Instead of landing troops and interfering with the internal affairs of Cuba, the War Department has taken the wiser course of supplying arms and ammunition to the Gomez government at cost. By giving support of this character to the side which the government of this country would uphold in any event, the United States will avoid being dragged into the controversy with possible complications that might arise between Cuba and foreign nations regarding damages that might be inflicted by the rebels on the property of citizens of the latter. This is virtually an alliance such as has been suggested it might be wise to enter into with the Madero government in Mexico.

The Cuban Senate has passed a bill granting the request of President Gomez that the constitutional guarantees to citizens be suspended in disturbed portions of the island until the revolt is crushed. The government evidently intends to take strong measures to bring the disturbance to an early end, even if it was unable to do so within the time limit placed by the president of the United States, which expired recently.

This display of greater energy is probably due to the fact that large numbers of strange negroes have been seen in the eastern part of the island and are supposed to be working in connection with the rebels. It is feared that

these strangers have come from Hayti or San Domingo and that their presence indicates an alliance between those unsettled republics and the rebels who have taken up arms in Cuba to secure a larger share of the spoils of office. This theory is all the more plausible because the revolutions which have disturbed the republics of Hayti and San Domingo periodically for the last hundred years have always been caused by disputes as to who should hold office and collect revenues. No principle except this ever seems to be at stake in these revolutions.

Juries are becoming so unruly that the duty now falls to the judges of telling them what they should have done after their verdict is rendered. Witness a recent Colusa case where a man was charged with murder and the evidence of his guilt was absolute. The jury let him off with a second degree verdict. It would be better if juries knew their duty beforehand rather than after they have made themselves ridiculous.

The married men do stand together. From Pittsburg comes emphatic testimony that they are bound by a bond of sympathy. A man who was arrested for beating his wife and mother-in-law was tried by a jury of married men. They could not stand for him beating his wife, but excused him absolutely for beating his mother-in-law. She generally does get the worst of it; poor old girl.

No matter how excellent the parts of a machine may be in themselves, unskilled assembling and operation will render the machine itself useless. A case in point is the San Francisco baseball team. Most of the players are good, individually, but the men depended upon to manage and direct the work of forming the good material into an effective ball-playing machine have failed.

While we are kicking about the high cost of living we might pause to consider that for the fiscal year ending this month we imported more than \$30,000,000 worth of diamonds, \$44,000,000 of lace and embroideries, \$9,000,000 of toys and \$32,000,000 of tobacco. Of course the cost of high living is high, but we might add that it is the cost of high living that is highest.

If the girls who lost their jobs because they were caught "Texas Tommying" by Edward Bok, the pink tea editor of the Ladies' Home Journal, will send him clippings of all of the mean things that have been printed about him since the occurrence they will get an awful big chunk of sweet revenge.

Eleanora Sears, since she returned to her Boston home, is endeavoring to outdo her Californians. She is now organizing a club of Boston girls to play polo in male attire. Eleanora is bound to keep in the limelight. Probably after some poor unfortunate marries her she will continue to wear the breeches.

To give the public a chance to hear all sides of the controversy between San Diego and the Industrial Workers of the World a luncheon is to be given at the St. Francis hotel, San Francisco, at \$1.25 per plate. The iron of it! Just picture an I. W. W. rubbing elbows with society and at the St. Francis at that.

It required policemen in Oakland to stop the High School students from "ragging." They are a determined bunch of youngsters down there. Probably they would not think of "ragging," however, if the prudes of the community did not make the dance so popular by opposing it.

The Lord helps those who help themselves and that is why he does not always stand in with the dear people. Most of the time they want the other fellow to do all of the helping. They are strong with approval, and when that is said all is said.

The wish is often father to a great many evil thoughts, but it is seldom that those are born in the editorial sanctum. More frequently the parentage can be traced to those on which the sting of truth has raised a welt.

A Western Kansas editor heartily approves of the plan of coming half cents. He says when that is done a country editor will probably be able to jingle money.

The Georgia Legislature has decided there are only two things a woman can do—get married or teach school. You can't make the woman believe that.

A surgeon of note claims that hobble skirts are making the women knock-kneed. We don't believe a word you say, doctor. Submit your evidence.

An English gypsy queen has just died at the age of 101. She was an inveterate pipe smoker, which, no doubt, accounts for her early taking off.

A Louisiana court has been petitioned to determine whether a lynching is an accident. It seems to be an incident more than anything.

We will wager that the editors who are urging a swiftest for flies in the interest of cleanliness never take a look at the office towel.

When a man calls himself a fool and no one doubts he gets mad, thereby substantiating his own assertion.

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